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**SIDELIGHTS OF  
GREAT DISASTER**

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**Relief Committees Organized.**

Following a meeting to arrange for relief work held at the city hall last night, a number of representative citizens met at the office of the Ardmore City Gas company, which has been turned into headquarters, this morning, and effected a permanent organization.

Rev. C. C. Weith was chosen chairman, and Mrs. Curtis secretary. Mrs. Val Mullen and Mrs. H. H. Sayre were chosen as a committee to remain at headquarters to receive donations and to render any information possible to facilitate the work. Mrs. E. E. Guillot and Mrs. Burrow were appointed a committee to secure a vacant building to receive contributions of clothing and supplies. The following were appointed as a finance committee to solicit funds to carry on the relief work: S. A. Apple, Judge Eddleman, G. A. Ramsey, Barney Feagin, "Governor" Cruse was appointed auditor to this committee.

The executive committee is composed of Mrs. Val Mullen, Mrs. A. E. Curtis, Rev. C. C. Weith.

**Ward Committees.**

First Ward—Mrs. E. E. Guillot.  
Second ward—Mrs. Peterman.  
Third ward—Mrs. Julius Kahn.  
Fourth ward—Mrs. C. E. Ringer.  
All temporary committees previously reported will remain standing until the relief work is completed.

**Magnolia Gives a Thousand.**

The Magnolia Pipe Line company phoned from its Dallas office today to Judge R. A. Heffner, subscribing \$1,000 for the relief of Ardmore. Three companies have so far given \$1,000 each—the Magnolia, the McMan Oil company, and the Ardmore Refinery. There will be a burning necessity for every penny of this money to relieve the necessities of families and Ardmore will ever be grateful to these companies, which remembered us when we needed their assistance.

**Andy Hardy Coming.**

County Attorney A. J. Hardy, who was called to the bedside of his father, was there but one night when he heard of the disaster which overtook Ardmore Monday afternoon by the explosion of more than 10,000 gallons of gasoline, and he left immediately for home. He is now en route to Ardmore.

**A Coroner's Jury.**

Senator Fred E. Tucker took it as his duty this morning to see that a coroner's jury was summoned to fix responsibility for the loss of life in Ardmore Monday afternoon. The summonses were issued from Hal M. Cannon's court, and the jury was convened this afternoon to begin the inquiry.

**Funerals Being Held.**

The funerals of ten of the victims of Monday's disaster were held yesterday, and today fifteen more were conducted in the city. The remains of the victims were taken to their respective homes, where the services were conducted. Every clergyman in the city took active part in the last sad rites.

Telegrams of condolence have been pouring through the local offices for the past two days to friends and relatives in this city, every one expressing deepest sorrow, and offering assistance, if needed. Despite the mighty disaster which, so far as known, snuffed out the lives of 52 persons and wrecked over a million dollars' worth of property, the people are taking their loss philosophically, and are exerting every effort to bring order out of chaos.

**Fear at School.**

With anxious mothers and fathers hurrying to the school building, which, according to a wild report down town, had caved in, burying the two hundred or more children within its walls, fearful scenes were enacted. Children rushed to their parents' arms, weeping more for sheer joy than from fright. Strong condemnations were uttered against those who had started the reports, by parents, teachers and children alike. Playful boys, unmindful of danger, and thinking of freedom, shouted for joy when Superintendent Richards announced that schools will be closed.

"We believe that it is better to have the children in school than on the street," the superintendent said, "but, since the parents have more to say about their children than the teachers, we will conform to their wishes and dismiss school, that the children may remain at home. Until further notice, this building is closed, and should not be visited."

Supt. Richards received scores of congratulations on his action when he finished his speech. One lady, with tears in her eyes, and her left arm about the shoulder of an eight-

year-old lass, with quivering voice, told Supt. Richards that if the parents had never appreciated him and his work before, they did so now.

**Frisco Moved Station.**

The Frisco has moved its offices from the Rock Island freight house to the O. N. M. & P. railway depot on North Washington street. The removal was made today. Beginning tomorrow all business, both freight and passenger, will be transacted from this point.

**Strangers Were Fed.**

Among those who deserve mention for heroic action and honorable conduct during the dark days of Ardmore, are those upon whom it rested to feed the workers and strangers, caught within our gates.

With our big hotel a total wreck, and most of the other hotels and eating houses out of business, those who have been fortunate enough to keep their places open have labored night and day without ceasing.

And let it be said, that so far as we have been able to hear, not one case of charging over the regular rate has been heard of, and the food served—so far as was in the power of the caterer, was as near the standard of other days as he could possibly make it. Even the humble "hamburger" was the same price, and it was a good one, at that—as many who are in the habit of sitting down to their own tables with their family every day in the year can testify to.

**The Half Not Told.**

Joe Biles, an Ada merchant and former merchant of Ardmore, was here to witness our disaster. Mr. Biles remarked that outside of those who live here and those who have come here to view it, the world at large will never have the least idea of the magnitude of the awful affair.

**The Warren Funeral.**

The remains of Reuben J. Warren, aged 22 years and 4 months, were laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery this afternoon. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. M. L. Butler of the Broadway Methodist church, were conducted at the family home, corner of Hargrove and Twelfth avenue, northwest, at 2:30 this afternoon.

Reuben Warren was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Warren. He was driver on the Pennington truck, and lost his life from the explosion. He was a graduate of the Ardmore High school, he was the only son of his parents, and gave promise of a most useful man.

**Lost Her Husband.**

Mrs. Charles A. Barlow, who had been visiting with her daughter at Texarkana, arrived here last night, accompanied by her small daughter. She came in response to a message announcing the injuries of her husband, and found that he had died from burns. He was standing near the union depot when the explosion occurred, and received injuries from which he could not recover. Deceased was a member of the Woodmen lodge in Purcell, and had come here to make investigations, with a view of moving to Ardmore. We have not learned where the remains will be buried.

**The Relief Work.**

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce, held yesterday, the following persons were named to serve as a relief committee and meetings have been held today. While this committee has been especially assigned the duty, yet all persons are requested to act in conjunction with the committee and volunteer helpers are welcomed and appreciated. The committee is composed of Dr. C. C. Weith, W. T. Ward, W. S. Wolverton, Mrs. A. E. Curtis, J. E. Cruse, Mrs. J. B. Spragins, Mrs. Ida Grubbs, Mrs. C. W. Richards, Mrs. A. D. Peterman, H. A. Kemel, Mrs. Sam Daube, Mrs. Julius Kahn, Mrs. Arthur Straehley, Mrs. Val Mullen, Mrs. H. H. Sayre, Mrs. Frank Gates, Mrs. M. Ikard, Mrs. J. M. London, Mrs. G. W. Coffman, Mrs. C. E. Ringer and Mrs. J. B. Boone. All efforts will be made to give permanent relief to those who have been made victims of the disaster.

Two sums of \$1,000 each were given yesterday, one by the McMan Oil Company, and another by the Ardmore Refining Company, and a third check for \$1,000 is being expected today.

J. L. Hamon gave \$50 yesterday to the Sunshine Ward in the hospital, and said he would be glad to give more any time the necessity arrived. A sum of \$1,000 was given in a few minutes by different citizens at a meeting held yesterday. While almost every man in town has a loss of his own, yet men who have means, are sacrificing to help those more unfortunate.

Telegrams have come from Madill, Gainesville, Marietta and other neighboring towns offering to give if Ardmore feels that it should ask for outside help.

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The relief committee has headquarters in the city gas office.

**Two Bodies Identified.**

Toole A. Wall of near Pooleville and a man named Bishop, were identified Tuesday night by their relatives. These men were transacting business in the Pennington store when the building collapsed and they lost their lives.

**An Orderly Town.**

There has been no drinking, there has been no unseemly conduct, there have been no attempts made to rob stores of merchandise. There have been thousands willing to lend a helping hand everywhere, but Ardmore does not have that class which seeks to plunder under such appalling circumstances. While vandalism would be an unspeakable crime, yet there are such crimes in many disasters.

**Buck Garrett Sends Message.**

Sheriff Buck Garrett, who is in Philadelphia, heard of Monday's disaster, and wired the people of Ardmore the following message through The Ardmoreite: "Express my sympathy and heartfelt regrets to all. Will start home today."

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**ORDINANCE NO. 195.**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, AND PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION OF DAMAGED BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, AND REQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT FOR ERECTION, OR REPAIR OF BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ARDMORE:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any firm, person, partnership, corporation or joint stock company to erect or construct any brick or frame building within the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, without first having obtained from the Inspector of Buildings of Ardmore, a permit to construct or erect such building, as provided hereinafter; provided that where repairs will amount to less than \$25.00, no permit will be required.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, joint stock company or corporation to repair any building situated within the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, without first having obtained from the Inspector of Buildings of said city, as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. There is hereby created the office of Inspector of Buildings of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, which said office shall be appointed by the Mayor, or Acting Mayor, by and with the consent of the Board of Commissioners of said city; said officer shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, and shall receive as his compensation the sum of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars per month.

Section 4. The Inspector of Buildings hereinafter provided for, shall make inspections of all damaged buildings, and if in the opinion that such damaged building may be placed in a safe condition, then he shall issue a permit stating that the said building has been thoroughly examined, and that he finds that the repairs contemplated will make said building safe for all purposes, but unless he shall so find, then he shall refuse said permit.

Section 5. Before the Inspector shall grant any permit for the erection or construction of any building, he shall examine the plans and specifications of said buildings, and state in his permit that he finds that said building will, if erected according to such plans and specifications, be safe, but unless he so finds, he shall refuse such permit.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Inspector of Buildings to examine all buildings within the city and to report in writing their condition, and if he finds that any building is unsafe, he shall at once cause the front to be torn from such building, or

shall place a placard upon such building bearing the word "UNSAFE," and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or partnership to use or occupy or to enter into such building until in the opinion of the Inspector of Buildings such building shall be in a safe condition.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or partnership to occupy or to use, or to enter into any building repaired or erected within the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma, until after the same shall have been certified to be safe by the Inspector of Buildings.

Section 8. No building repaired or constructed or erected under this act shall be used, occupied or inhabited until a certificate shall be issued by the Inspector of Buildings, certifying that such building or house is safe for use, occupancy and habitation.

Section 9. Each applicant for a permit to repair or construct a building shall pay for each permit the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00), and for the inspection the fee shall be: For buildings costing One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars or more, not to exceed one-half of one per cent of the contract price, and for repairs where the cost of repairs exceeds the sum of \$25.00, the fee shall be one-half of one per cent of the cost of repairs required.

Section 10. Any person found guilty of violating any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not to exceed thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 11. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. For the preservation of the public safety, welfare and health, an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed and approved this September 29, 1915.

VAL MULLEN, Mayor.

Attest: H. E. BRUTTE, City Clerk.

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